

*WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, January 28, 2015, for the purpose of a City Manager Update.*

*Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:01 p.m. The meeting was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Community Center.*

*PRESENT WERE: Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Edward V. J. Putens was delayed at work and arrived at 9:40 p.m.*

*STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Jeffrey Williams, City Treasurer; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.*

*ALSO PRESENT WERE: Kathleen Gallagher, News Review; Bill Orleans and others.*

#### *December 2014 Financial Report*

*Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Williams reviewed the December 2014 Financial Report. Mr. Williams said net real estate taxes are currently higher than the adopted budget due to: 1) additional tax revenue relating to the new townhomes in Greenbelt West; and 2) lower than budgeted real estate abatements. Mr. Williams noted that income tax revenue, hotel/motel taxes, red light and speed camera revenue are trending slightly higher while admission and amusement taxes are trending lower. Mr. Williams said that due to the good news for these revenue sources, revenue will likely exceed the adopted FY 2015 budget.*

*Mr. Williams said that due to savings and line items staying within historical norms, it is expected that expenditures will be lower than budgeted. He noted that workers' compensation insurance, motor fuel costs, and police overtime are all lower than anticipated.*

*Ms. Davis asked that Council be provided with a listing of abatement requests.*

#### *Monthly Capital Projects Update*

*Mr. McLaughlin provided an update on Capital Projects. He reported that the City is waiting for Pepco to install the final meter for the Safe Routes to Schools (Springhill Drive) project and it is expected to be complete by the end of February.*

*Regarding the Belle Point playground, Ms. Pope reported that a large piece of play equipment blocks the playground view of the entire playground from the bench. She requested staff check on this problem and suggested the bench may need to be relocated.*

#### *FY 2016 Budget Preview*

*Mr. McLaughlin said that preliminary reports reflecting growth in Real Property assessments indicate that the City may be in a better position for FY 2016 (but not "good" position) compared to the past few years.*

*He noted there will be severe demands on the City's capital funds due to the City's commitment for the Greenbelt Lake dam repairs, the annual street resurfacing program, initiatives from the pedestrian and bicycle master plan, and low fund balances.*

*There was discussion regarding the future of State Highway User Revenue.*

#### *Management Objectives*

*Council reviewed the FY 2015 Management Objectives and Capital Projects.*

#### *Council Action Requests*

*Council reviewed the Council Action Requests (CAR).*

*CAR #2014-37 – Ms. Mach requested all paperwork (petition, minutes, etc.) be forwarded to the Advisory Committee on Education for this request.*

*CAR #2014-31 – Ms. Davis requested this information be provided prior to FY 2016 budget preparation.*

*CAR #2014-12 – Council suggested this item be closed out.*

*CAR #2014-13 – Council requested this item be closed out.*

*CAR #2014-2 – Ms. Pope requested staff check on the status of his item.*

*CAR #2013-41 – Ms. Mach requested this report be prepared.*

*CAR #2009-9 – Mr. Herling requested recycling bins be included in this request.*

#### *Update Information*

*Mr. McLaughlin provided an update on the Organizational Assessment, Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and Sustainability Plan. He then provided a review of the progress of the Sustainability framework as well as the monthly Police report.*

#### *Information Items*

*A number of informational items were discussed.*

*The meeting ended at 10:32 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cindy Murray  
City Clerk*